

# MUSHKEGOWUK COUNCIL

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## MUSHKEGOWUK COUNCIL 17TH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

## RESOLUTION NO. 2002-09-14

Attawapiskat  
First Nation

Kashechewan  
First Nation

Fort Albany  
First Nation

Moose Cree  
First Nation

New Post  
First Nation

Chapleau Cree  
First Nation

Missanabie Cree  
First Nation

### MOVED BY:


Chief Leo Friday  
Kashechewan First Nation

### SECONDED BY:

Andrew Linklater, Delegate  
Fort Albany First Nation

### ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS

Certified copy of a Resolution  
passed on September 11, 2002

  
Mike Carpenter, A/Grand Chief

September 11, 2002  
Missanabie, Ontario

### MUSHKEGOWUK CHILD WELFARE TASK FORCE

WHEREAS resolution no. 2001-09-13 spoke to the continuing concerns of the impacts on Mushkegowuk children and families of recent child welfare reforms and the repressive restrictions and difficulties caused by the imposition of the Child and Family Services Act (CFSA) and funding arrangements, and;

WHEREAS children continue to be taken away from their families and Mushkegowuk families suffer, and;

WHEREAS the Child Welfare Task Force which was mandated by resolution no. 2001-09-13 has not been able to do its work due to lack of funding, and;

WHEREAS it is necessary to supplement the goals of the Task Force to provide a focus on the overriding concern of children being removed from their home communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Child Welfare Task Force be given a broad mandate to consider longer term child welfare issues, however, due to limited time and limited financial resources, prioritization is important and immediate action is imperative, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the core mandate of the Task Force shall be to focus on avoiding the removal of children from

their communities, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in focussing on the priority issue of keeping children in their home communities, the Task Force shall as part of its work, aim to recommend within six months a number of specific, practical measures which are steps in the right direction, and which are consistent with appropriate overall goals, but which can be targeted for immediate or short term implementation, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mushkegowuk Task Force may include Chiefs of Mushkegowuk First Nations or their designates, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that First Nations contribute from their Casino Rama funds and/or Future Generations funds to support the costs of their members' participation on the Task Force, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Nishnawbe Aski Nation and Payukotayno James and Hudson Bay Family Services provide support and contribute funding to the Child Welfare Task Force, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED as part of Mushkegowuk Council's work on child welfare issues, the Mushkegowuk Child Welfare Task Force shall liaise as appropriate with NAN's Child Welfare Task Force, and Chief Norm Hardisty Jr. shall be authorized to represent Mushkegowuk Council on NAN's Task Force.